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Note by the Secretariat

1. In connection with the consideration of item 16 of the provisional agenda, the following report submitted to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-ninth session will be available to the Commission on Human Rights: the report of the Working Group on Minorities on its third session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/18).

2. In accordance with Sub-Commission resolution 1997/23 (para. 2) the working papers prepared by the members of the Working Group for its second and third sessions will also be available to the Commission on Human Rights. They are the following:

E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1996/WP.1	Working paper on the definition of minorities, prepared by Mr. Stanislav Chernichenko
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1996/WP.2	Working paper on the classification of minorities and differentiation in minority rights, prepared by Mr. Asbjørn Eide
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1996/WP.3	Working paper on education and minorities, prepared by Mr. José Bengoa

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E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1996/WP.4	Working paper on domicile and residence concerning minorities and migrant groups, prepared by Mr. Mohamed Sardar Ali Khan
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.1	Working paper on the definition of minorities, prepared by Mr. Stanislav Chernichenko
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.4	Working paper on the rights of minorities and the role of the media, prepared by Mr. Ahmed Khalil
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.9	Working paper on some aspects of citizenship under international law, prepared by Mr. Mohamed Sardar Ali Khan

3. In addition, the following working papers, prepared by experts invited to participate in the work of the Working Group on Minorities, are also available for consultation at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.3	Working paper on education rights and minorities: the Hague Recommendations, prepared by Mr. Guillaume Siemienski
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.5	Report of the seminar on multicultural and intercultural education
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.6	Working paper on the rights of linguistic minorities, "To speak or not to speak", prepared by Mr. Fernand de Varennes
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.7	Working paper on the right of persons belonging to minorities to enjoy their own culture, by Ms. Schulte-Tenckhoff
E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.5/1997/WP.8	Working paper on the implementation of the rights of persons belonging to minorities, prepared by Mr. Gudmundur Alfredsson

4. Working papers 1996/WP.4, 1997/WP.4 and 1997/WP.9 are available in English only. The others are available in English, French and Spanish.